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**REQUEST FOR ENTRY OF PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED INFORMATION
DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS AND FOR REJOINDER OF SPECIES CLAIMS**

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the Notice of Allowance dated 29 March 2004.

Applicants request entry of the prior art cited in the following Information Disclosure Statements, which were timely and properly submitted.

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- a) Second Information Disclosure Statement, filed 08 January 2003;
- b) Third Information Disclosure Statement, filed 20 November 2003; and
- c) Fourth Information Disclosure Statement, filed 24 February 2004.

Copies of these Information Disclosure Statements are enclosed. Also enclosed are copies of stamped post cards indicating their receipt by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. §819.04, Applicants request rejoinder and allowance of species Claims 33, 40, 45, 55, 62, 67, 74, 81 and 86. These claims depend from allowed independent Claims 1, 34, 41, 46, 56, 63, 68, 75 and 82, respectively, and are patentable for at least the same reasons as the allowed independent claims. Each of the species claims recites a limitation in addition to the combination of limitations found patentable in the respective independent claim. Independent Claim 1 and species Claim 33 are illustrative:

1. A process for making a necked nonwoven material having improved cross-directional uniformity, comprising the steps of:
 - providing a nonwoven web having a central region and two edge regions;
 - passing the nonwoven web through a first nip having a first average surface velocity, and a second nip having a second average surface velocity higher than the first average surface velocity;
 - necking the nonwoven web between the first and second nips; and

selectively increasing the necking in the central region of the nonwoven web relative to the two edge regions;

wherein the step of selectively increasing the necking in the central region comprises the step of reducing necking resistance in the central region relative to the two edge regions.

33. The process of Claim 1, further comprising the step of combining the necked nonwoven web with an elastomeric or extendible film.

In the Office Action dated 16 December 2003, Claims 33, 40 and 45 were withdrawn from consideration because (at that point) there was no allowable generic or linking claim. The independent claims have now been allowed, therefore rejoinder of the dependent species claims is now appropriate under M.P.E.P. §819.04.

Respectfully submitted,



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SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Rule 1.56 and MPEP Section 2001.06(a), the references listed on Form PTO-1449, were first cited in the International Search Report for the corresponding International Application, PCT/US02/17603, and are hereby brought to the attention of the Examiner as being possibly material to examination of the subject patent application. An English language version of the International Search Report, Form PCT/ISA/210, is also enclosed.

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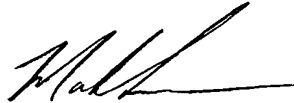
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The undersigned states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement and that this Information Disclosure Statement is therefore being made within the three month period required by 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e). Form PTO-1449 (1 page) is enclosed with a copy of each and every reference cited on Form PTO-1449.

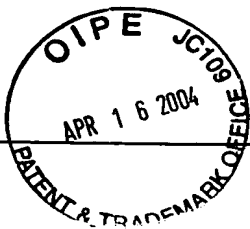
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- Copy of Notification of Transmittal of the International Search Report or the Declaration, PCT/ISA/220 (3 pages)
- Copy of the English Language Version of the International Search Report for the corresponding International Application, PCT/US02/17603, Form PCT/ISA/210 (5 pages)

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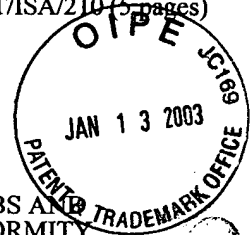
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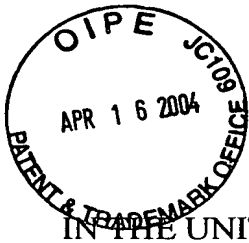
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THIRD INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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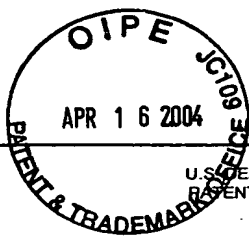
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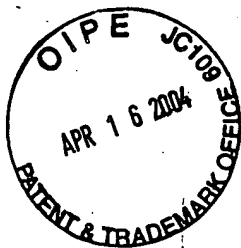
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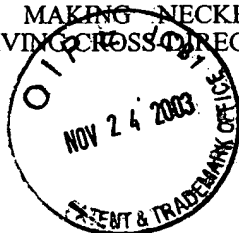
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FOURTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Because this Fourth Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after receipt of the first Office Action, but before receipt of a Notice of Allowance, Applicants have enclosed a check in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p). The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee required to Deposit Account No. 19-3550.

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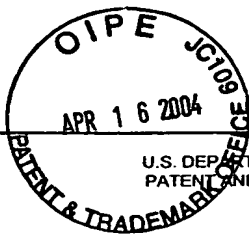
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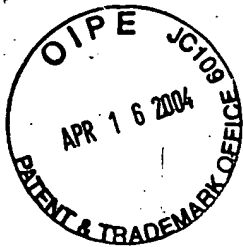
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